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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee,

v.

RAMON RAMIRO HERAS,

Defendant - Appellant.

No. 04-10626

D.C. No. CR-04-00238-EHC

MEMORANDUM^{*}

CATHY A. CATTERSON, CLERK
U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the District of Arizona
Earl H. Carroll, District Judge, Presiding

Argued and Submitted November 15, 2005
San Francisco, California

Before: FARRIS, TASHIMA, and CALLAHAN, Circuit Judges.

The appellant challenges his conviction and sentence imposed for possessing with the intent to distribute methamphetamine.¹ He contends that the district court committed reversible error by allowing his co-defendant to present inadmissible hearsay testimony at trial. Assuming without deciding that the testimony was

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¹ We do not give a full recitation of the facts because the parties are already familiar with them.

hearsay, we find it to be harmless in light of the other evidence properly presented to the jury at trial.² *United States v. Sanchez-Lopez*, 879 F.2d 541, 555 (9th Cir. 1989).

In addition, the appellant questions the propriety of the enhancement imposed for possessing a firearm during the commission of the crime. Because it is unclear whether the district court would have imposed a materially different sentence under the now-discretionary federal sentencing guidelines, the government concedes, and we conclude, that the case should be remanded to afford the district court the opportunity to re-sentence the appellant in light of *United States v. Booker*, 543 U.S. 220 (2005), and *United States v. Ameline*, 409 F.3d 1073 (9th Cir. 2005) (en banc). Accordingly, the appellant's conviction is **AFFIRMED** and the appellant's sentence is **REMANDED**.

² Heras argues that he was entitled to a limiting instruction even though he did not make such a request below. We determine that the district court was under no duty to read a limiting instruction to the jury *sua sponte*. See *United States v. Armijo*, 5 F.3d 1229, 1232 (9th Cir. 1993) (“We are not to exercise our discretion to correct a plain forfeited error affecting substantial rights unless it ‘seriously affects the fairness, integrity or public reputation of judicial proceedings.’” (quoting *United States v. Atkinson*, 297 U.S. 157, 160 (1936))).